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August 28, 2020

Thank you for subscribing to my weekly newsletter. Below you will find important federal, state and local updates from the last week curated for you in one place.

Our community was spared this week when Hurricane Laura took a turn to the north. She made landfall along the border as a category 4 storm and ravaged portions of southeast Texas and Louisiana. While we are grateful the storm moved, we know all too well what the storm survivors are going through as they navigate the recovery process. Now we look to our neighbors to the east to offer our assistance and as those opportunities arise, we will distribute that information.

Should you have any questions about the information below, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please utilize email communication with our office during this time, via the email contact information at the bottom of this newsletter.

Sincerely,



State Updates

DSHS: COVID-19 Case Dashboard

## Texas Case Counts

# COVID-19

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

## DSHS Reminds the Public of Health Precautions Following Hurricane Laura

### DSHS Reminds the Public of Health Precautions Following...

The Texas Department of State Health Services is sharing health precautions as residents return to areas affected by Hurricane Laura. Because of the ongoing threat of COVID-19, residents should continue social distancing and wearing masks when...

[Read more](#)  
dshs.texas.gov

## TWDB requests your input on a new [TexasFlood.org](#) Survey



In 2019, the Texas Legislature and Governor Abbott greatly expanded the Texas Water Development Board's (TWDB) role in flood mapping, planning, and financing. In addition to our existing flood programs, the TWDB will administer a new state and regional flood planning process, increase flood-related financial assistance, and advance our flood modeling and mapping capacities.

As the agency expands our data, information, and resources related to flooding in Texas, a key priority is to ensure that flood-related information is timely, user friendly, and easy to find. To help with that effort, the TWDB is developing a new [TexasFlood.org](#) that will become a one-stop shop for flood-related data and information, and we'd like your input via a [short survey](#).

The purpose of the survey is to understand what flood-related information you find most valuable and how best to present that information on the new version of the site. It should only require 5 to 10 minutes of your time and will be open through September 8.

Thank you in advance for providing key input that will benefit Texans for years to come.

[Take the Survey](#)

# TABC Approves Emergency Amendment to Help Businesses



The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission approved emergency amendments to TABC Rules that immediately:

- Enable retailers who sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption to more easily qualify for a Food and Beverage (FB) Certificate.
- Remove some of the more difficult and costly requirements for qualification for an FB, so that these businesses can qualify without making major changes to their business models or investing in expensive equipment.

Read the [emergency amendments to TABC Rules here](#).

**Important note:** Any establishment that is opened as a restaurant must follow the checklist from the Governor's Strike Force to Open Texas. [You can find that checklist here](#).

Many establishments that would have otherwise remained shuttered will be able to reopen and operate in a safe manner due to these amendments. Read the Qualifying as a Restaurant Under GA-28 section on our [Coronavirus Information page to learn more](#)

Read the Updated Qualifying as a Restaurant  
Under GA-28 Guidance

## Back to School Resources for Teachers, Parents and Financial Education Practitioners



Consumer Financial  
Protection Bureau

### Back to school resources for teachers, parents and...

This fall, wherever you are and however you teach, CFPB has resources to help you build financial skills in children and young adults. The pandemic's impact both confirms the urgency of financial literacy and prevents many schools from operating...

## House Public Education Committee Issues Requests For Information (RFIs)

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and challenges in scheduling public hearings at this time, the House Committee on Public Education is conducting necessary oversight functions through an information gathering process under Section 301.014, Government Code.

This is notice that the House Committee on Public Education is seeking information and input from state agencies, interested parties, and the public in regard to the topics and questions outlined below. Submissions received in response to this request will be transmitted to members of the committee and posted on the House website.

The Committee has issued several RFIs to garner responses regarding COVID-19 and [Interim Charges](#). Each RFI can be viewed at the links below:

- **Interim Charge 1:**
  - <https://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C4002020081900001.HTM>
- **Interim Charge 2:**
  - <https://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C4002020081900002.HTM>
- **Interim Charge 3:**
  - <https://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C4002020081900003.HTM>
- **Interim Charge 4:**
  - <https://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C4002020081900004.HTM>
- **COVID-19:**
  - <https://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/86R/schedules/html/C4002020081900005.HTM>

### Submission Guidelines

- Submissions must be in Microsoft Word, written in a 10-point font or larger.
- Please submit a separate document for each topic to which you are responding.
- Submissions are to be limited to 5 pages of text in length.
- Submissions must be submitted via e-mail to [education@house.texas.gov](mailto:education@house.texas.gov)

Please include the following information in the submission email: submitter name, organization, or entity (if applicable and an authorized representative), mailing address, email, and telephone number.

**The deadline for all submissions is Wednesday, September 30, 2020.** Comments received in response to this Request for Information will be publicly posted on TLO, TLIS, and the House website. When submitting comments, please remove any personal identifying information, such as your personal phone number, residence address, or e-mail address. In the event it becomes feasible to safely conduct a public meeting, the Committee reserves the right to hold an in-person hearing on these charges.

## City of Houston & Harris County Updates

### Harris County Public Health Dashboard



Harris County  
**Public Health**  
Building a Healthy Community

## HD 127 Updates

After Two Year disagreement, FEMA Agrees to  
Finish Dredging Kingwood Mouthbar



### **After two year disagreement, FEMA agrees to finish...**

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Martin announced on Aug. 20 that after a year and a half of work, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through their technical consultant with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), concurred with the City of ...

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## **SH 99 Intersection Traffic Impacts**





Title	Date/Time	Description
Baytown - SH 99 near IH 10	Aug 24 - 28, 2020 (7:00 AM - 7:00 PM)	SH 99 northbound and southbound left lane closed near IH 10.
Baytown - Fisher Rd	Aug 26, 2020 (8:30 AM - 7:00 PM)	Fisher Road closed between SH99 eastbound and westbound travel lanes.
Baytown - SH 99	Aug 24 - 30, 2020 (7:00 PM - 7:00 AM)	Left lane on SH 99 eastbound and westbound closed east and west of Fisher Road.
Baytown - SH 99 U-turn	Ongoing (24 Hours)	U-turn closed at SH 99 eastbound between FM 1405 and Fisher Road.
Baytown - SH 99 U-turn at 146B	Ongoing (24 Hours)	SH 99 westbound U-turn to SH 99 eastbound at Business 146 closed.
Baytown - SH 99 U-turns at FM 1405	Ongoing (24 Hours)	SH 99 eastbound and westbound U-turns closed at FM 1405 intersection.
Dayton - CR 686	Aug 24 - 29, 2020 (7:00 AM - 6:00 PM)	Flagging operation on FM 686 from CR 621 to CR 622.
Dayton - CR 602	Aug 24 - 29, 2020 (7:00 AM - 6:00 PM)	Flagging operation on CR 602.
Dayton - FM 1960	Aug 24 - 28, 2020 (7:00 AM - 6:00 PM)	Flagging operation on FM 1960.
Dayton - US 90 WB	Aug 24 - 29, 2020 (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM)	Single right lane closure on US 90 westbound near County Road 491.
Dayton - CR 603	Aug 24 - 29, 2020 (7:00 AM - 6:00 PM)	Flagging operation on CR 603 from CR 602 to CR 604.
Dayton - CR 621 (Flagging)	Aug 25 - 29, 2020 (7:00 AM - 5:00 PM)	Flagging operation on CR 621.
Dayton - CR 621	Aug 27, 2020 (7:00 PM - 12:00 AM)	CR 621 closed between FM 686.
Dayton - CR 610	Ongoing (24 Hours)	CR 610 closed at FM 1960.
Mont Belvieu - FM 565	Aug 24 - 29, 2020 (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM - 5:00 AM)	Flagging operations on FM 565 near Mont Belvieu City Hall.
Mont Belvieu - 146	Aug 24 - 29, 2020 (24 Hours)	Right lane closures of 146 southbound right lane near Eagle Drive.
Mont Belvieu - IH 10	Aug 29, 2020 8:00 PM - 5:00 AM)	IH 10 eastbound and westbound frontage roads closed at SH 99.
New Caney - SH 99 EB Frontage	Ongoing (24 Hours)	The left lane of the SH 99 eastbound frontage road from Valley Ranch Pkwy. to the US 59 southbound frontage road.
New Caney - IH 69 SB	Ongoing (24 Hours)	IH 69 southbound exit to FM 1314 closed.
New Caney - Forest Drive	Aug 24 - 27, 2020 (8:00 AM - 8:00 PM)	Flagging operation at Forest Drive.
New Caney - IH 69 NB	Ongoing (24 Hours)	IH 69 northbound ramp at Community Drive closed.

## Capitol & District Office Closures

The District & Capitol offices will remain closed in line with suggested Stay Home, Work Safe guidelines. Please utilize email communication with our office during this time, via the email contact information at the bottom of this newsletter or [district127.huberty@house.texas.gov](mailto:district127.huberty@house.texas.gov).

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